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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Official Action of May 31, 2006 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, Applicants elect the subject matter of Group II, that is claims 12-21 directed to a rack guide.

An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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